

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1559

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Scott, Edward T.

**3. Committee:** -

**4. Title:**    Audiologists; sale of hearing aids

**5. Summary:** This bill exempts audiologists, with a doctoral degree in audiology, licensed to practice in Virginia from the examination requirement for issuance of a license to engage in the practice of fitting or dealing in hearing aids.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed examination exemption for audiologists is expected to lead to additional hearing aid specialist applicants. The bill does not increase the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). It is assumed that the cost to administer the additional regulants resulting from this bill will be minimal and can be covered by the collection of associated licensure fee revenue.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**  
Department of Health Professions  
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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